

## Message Text

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ACTION EB-07

INFO OCT-01 ARA-10 ISO-00 COME-00 /018 W

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R 131442Z AUG 75

FM AMEMBASSY BOGOTA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 186

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JOHN SIMMONS, EB/CSB/OCA AND DAVID KATZ, OD/OIM/BIC

EO 11652: NA

TAGS: BEXP XM: CO

SUBJ: COMMERCIAL OFFICERS CONFERENCE

1. POST FULLY RECOGNIZES IMPORTANCE OF CONFERENCE AND POTENTIAL BENEFITS TO BOTH ATTENDEES AND US TRADE INTERESTS AND IS PLEASED TO CONFIRM GIBSON'S PARTICIPATION IN MEXICO CITY MEETINGS. AT SAME TIME, HOWEVER, SPECIAL CONDITIONS AT POST MAKE IT INADVISABLE TO RELEASE EITHER SINN OR BELL TO ATTEND.

2. SEPT 23-25 SCHEDULING FOR MEXICO CITY CONFERENCE COINCIDES WITH PRESIDENT LOPEZ'S STATE VISIT TO WASHINGTON. MANY OF THE QUESTIONS THAT LOPEZ INTENDS TO RAISE DURING VISIT ARE ECONOMIC MATTERS AND SINN SHOULD BE AT POST TO BACKSTOP RESPONSES TO ANY QUERIES THAT MIGHT BE GENERATED BY THE DISCUSSIONS. FURTHERMORE, AMBASSADOR WILL PROBABLY ACCOMPANY PRESIDENT DURING VISIT AND IN THAT CASE, SINN WOULD BE ACTING DCM.

3. BELL IS SCHEDULED TO TRANSFER TO EL SALVADOR OCT 1. IF WE WERE TO RELEASE HIM FOR PROJECT OUTLINED PARA 5 REFTEL, WE WOULD IN EFFECT BE ADVANCING HIS DEPARTURE

DATE TO MID-SEPTEMBER WITH NO REPLACEMENT IN SIGHT UNTIL MID-OCTOBER. DURING PRE-DEPARTURE PERIOD, BELL HAS VARIOUS PROJECTS HE SHOULD COMPLETE -INCLUDING ACTING CONTROL OFFICER FOR AN IMPORTANT VISIT-AND NEEDS SOME TIME TO ARRANGE

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DETAILS OF PACKING AND TRANSFER.

4. ANOTHER OFFICER IN SECTION IS ACCOMPANYING WIFE TO PANAMA

END OF THIS WEEK FOR MEDICAL CHECK. DEPENDING ON RESULTS  
OF EXAMINATION, IT IS CONCEIVABLE THAT THIS OFFICER COULD BE  
ABSENT FROM POST FOR EXTENDED PERIOD. IF IN ADDITION, SINN, BELL  
AND GIBSON WERE ABSENT ECONOMIC/COMMERCIAL SECTION WOULD  
CONSIST OF ONE OFFICER.

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